

WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

SLV GOLF CLUB DRESS CODE

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"It is our wish that we are not forced to monitor dress standards, but rather that the members and guests follow generally accepted practices of decorum and etiquette. In instances that they do have to enforce dress codes, here are the guidelines."

- A. Appropriate dress for the golf course is required. The dress code applies to the putting green, driving range, practice areas, as well as to the golf course. Members are responsible for the proper attire of their guests and family members.
- B. Acceptable attire includes:
 - 1. Women: Sleeved or sleeveless golf shirts, golf slacks, skirts, skorts, and shorts of reasonable length.
 - 2. Men: Traditional collared shirts with sleeves, turtlenecks and mock turtlenecks. Shirttails are to be tucked in unless the shirt is designed to be worn out.
 - 3. Children: Children over the age of 12 should comply with adult dress standards. Younger children should be neatly attired.
- C. Unacceptable attire includes: Tank tops, halter tops, T-shirts, gym shorts, sweat pants, blue jeans, blue jean shorts, cut offs, and short shorts.
- D. Billed caps are not to be worn backwards.
- E. Metal spiked shoes are prohibited.

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**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
SAVANNAH LAKES VILLAGE WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION**

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Savannah Lakes Village Women's Golf Association (WGA).

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this Association, a non-profit organization, is to promote women's amateur golf at Savannah Lakes Village. The objectives are to promote good fellowship and sportsmanship among the members and encourage the active participation of members in playing golf and taking part in golf tournaments/activities, conducted in accordance with the rules of the United States Golf Association (USGA), except as modified by the local rules of the club.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section 1. The membership shall be open to all amateur women members, over 18 years of age, in good standing in the Savannah Lakes Village Property Owner's Association, Inc.

Section 2. Dues shall be determined by the membership and shall be paid annually to the Association at the February meeting and shall be considered delinquent after the first of April.

Section 3. Only members whose dues are current shall be eligible to compete in activities sponsored by the Association.

Section 4. A half-price reduction in annual membership dues for new residents shall take effect on July 1st of each year. This does not apply to established members.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, an 18-Hole Coordinator, a 9-Hole Coordinator, an 18-Hole Tournament Chairperson and a 9-Hole Tournament Chairperson. The immediate past president may serve ex-officio for one year.

Section 2. Election. The Executive Board, consisting of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be comprised of four members elected at the annual meeting in November. The first year, two members shall be elected to serve a two-year term and two members a one-year term. The following year, and every year thereafter, two members shall be elected for a

**WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION
GENERAL RULES OF GOLF ETIQUETTE**

1. **Slow play is a problem. Do not wait in carts until each player hits.** Play ready golf (the first person to their ball hits).
2. Keep up with the group ahead of you. If they get out of sight, you should either speed up your play or let the group behind you play through.
3. Take a practice swing, not multiple swings, before it is your turn to hit the ball; then go directly to your ball.
4. Do not leave your bag or cart in front of the green. Drive around to the side or back.
5. Please rake sand traps and repair ball marks on the green. Do not replace divots, but do fill them with sand (provided on your carts).
6. Do not stand in front of or behind another player's line. Stand still and do not walk around or talk while others are hitting or putting.
7. Look over your putt while others are putting. Be ready when it is your turn.
8. Do not walk through another player's putting line on the green.
9. Do not let your shadow fall upon another player's putting line.
10. Do not be a no-show. If you cannot make your tee time, please call and cancel prior to Wednesday.
11. Any member of your group who has already putted out should be ready to replace the flag in the cup as soon as the last person has finished putting.
12. When you cannot ride on the course, take several clubs with you so you don't waste time returning to the cart for another club.
13. When close to the green, take your clubs and putter with you and go directly to the green instead of returning to the cart to get your putter.
14. Remember, when you have finished playing golf and are returning home in your cart, players on the course have the priority. You must not drive your cart on the path when they are in the process of hitting a shot or putting. Wait to move your cart when they are moving in your direction.

13. Tournament Participation: Members will be asked to declare their intention to participate in either the 18-hole or 9-hole groups. To enter the WGA Club Championship, a member **must have participated in at least 5 WGA events** prior to the championship. **a. WGA Events are: Play Days, 9- and 18-Hole Away Days, CSRA Team Play (if played on Thursday), WGA Tournaments, Inter-club and CSRA events played on our home courses on Thursday. All other Interclub and CSRA Round Robins do not qualify as participated WGA Events for “Most Improved Golfer” or “Club Championship”.** **b. For two-day WGA events, as in the 18-Hole Member/Member Tournament, each day will be credited as an event.** **c. Guests invited to participate in the WGA Member/Guest Tournament may not be a resident of Savannah Lakes Village.**

14. Handicap Index: All members of the WGA will have a handicap maintained for Tara and Monticello. The handicap INDEX will be used to determine the maximum handicap allowed for playing with the 18 or 9-Hole group. This will take into account the different course ratings for Tara and Monticello. A member must maintain a handicap consistent with her WGA Play Day Group.

To play with the 18-hole group, the maximum handicap index is 40.4. Any current member, whose index exceeds the maximum during the year, shall be permitted to continue to play with her respective group. She would then be limited to the strokes equitable to a 40.4 index at the course on which the event is held.

To play with the 9-hole group, there is no maximum handicap index. Any 9-hole member whose index exceeds 28.8 will be limited to the strokes equitable to a 28.8 index at the course on which the event is held.

15. Scores: Scores must be posted for every 9/18 holes played. If you are an 18-hole member but only played 9 holes, the computer will automatically integrate your 9-hole score into your total scores.

16. Scoring When Not Finishing a Hole: Record your gross score on each hole. Record a hole score if you don't finish the hole, or if you are conceded a stroke in match play. The hole score is the score you most likely would have made, starting with the number of strokes and penalties taken so far. This most likely score should be preceded on your card by an X.

17. Penalty for Not Posting: If you fail to post a score, the Handicap Committee may post the score or post a penalty score, or adjust your USGA Handicap Index.

two-year term. The Administrative Board, consisting of the 18-Hole and 9-Hole Coordinators and Tournament Chairpersons, shall be elected for a one-year term.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall consist of the elected officers and Standing Committee Chairpersons.

Section 4. Duties.

A. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and Board of Directors. She shall designate the time and place. She shall, with the help and consent of the other officers, appoint the various Standing Committee Chairpersons. The President shall be empowered to withdraw funds from the WGA account in the event the Treasurer is not available when such a withdrawal becomes necessary.

B. The Vice-President shall perform all duties of the President in her absence. She shall perform special assignments requested by the President and may also serve on other committees or in areas that may need assistance. She shall assume the office of President if vacated.

C. The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the WGA and of the Board of Directors and shall issue notices of meetings. Copies of the minutes of any meetings held during the current year shall be posted. She shall handle any and all correspondence on matters of business pertaining to the Association. She shall provide all members with a copy of the current WGA Constitution and By-Laws and will post all policy changes.

D. The Treasurer shall have custody of the Association funds and shall keep accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the Association and shall deposit funds to its credit. She shall disburse the funds and render financial reports at all regular meetings. She shall submit a budget request to the Board at the first meeting after election and prior to the first meeting in February. She shall keep a complete and current list of all members.

E. The 18-Hole and 9-Hole Coordinators shall be responsible for orienting their members to the functions of their respective groups. They shall schedule and describe all play-days and monitor the weekly activities. They shall also be responsible for the distribution of prizes earned on play days. Other members may assist them.

F. The 18-Hole and 9-Hole Tournament Chairpersons shall plan and conduct golf tournaments sponsored by the Association (Member-Member, Member-Guest, WGA Club Championship, and WGA Invitational); arrange for tournament play in advance; give notice of date and tee times for tournament events; supervise registration of entrant; and oversee and provide the rules of play, awards, postponements. The Chairperson may appoint as many Tournament Committee members as needed to carry out these functions.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

Section 1. The opening business meeting of the membership shall be held in February, and a general membership meeting and election of officers shall be held in November.

Section 2. At the discretion of the President, general membership meetings may be called thereafter to conduct the business of the Association.

ARTICLE VI - AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this Constitution and By-Laws may be made at any general membership meeting, provided that written notice of such amendment has been submitted at least 10 days prior to such meeting. It will then be read to the membership and amended by majority vote of those present.

ARTICLE VII - ACTIVITIES

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, this Association will not carry on any other activities not permitted by (a) the Savannah Lakes Village Property Owner's Association, Inc., or (b) the Internal Revenue Code of 1954. Said Association is organized exclusively for pleasurable, recreational, educational and other non-profitable purposes.

9. Water Hazard: After two honest attempts to hit over the water on holes 5 and 13 at Tara, the player may carry the ball to the drop area, adding one stroke for the carry over. For example, if a player puts two balls in the water it is counted as one in, two out, three in, four out, five carry over, hitting six. This rule is in effect to speed up play on Ladies Play Day, but will not be used for Club Championship, Ace of the Month, etc.

10. Unplayable Lie: A player may declare her ball unplayable at any place on the course except when the ball is in a water hazard. The player is the sole judge as to whether her ball is unplayable. If the player deems her ball to be unplayable, she shall, under penalty of one stroke: (a) play a ball as near as possible from the spot at which the original ball was last played; or (b) drop a ball within two club lengths of the spot where the ball lay, not nearer the hole; or (c) drop a ball behind the point where the ball lay, keeping that point directly between the hole and the spot on which the ball is dropped, with no limit to how far behind that point the ball may be dropped. If the unplayable lie is in a bunker, the ball must be dropped in the bunker. The ball may be cleaned when lifted under this rule.

11. Hole-In-One Club: Any WGA member may belong to the Hole-In-One Club after paying a first time \$15.00 entry fee to the WGA Hole-In-One Chairperson. A \$400.00 pay-out will be awarded to the WGA member who is a member of the Hole-In-One Club when they score a hole-in-one. A hole-in-one may be claimed at anytime during at least 9 holes of play at Tara or Monticello and witnessed by **one** other golfers playing in your group. A renewal fee of \$10.00 will be assessed to each Hole-In-One Club member when the balance is less than \$800.00. A commitment is made for a full year once a member joins.

12. Most Improved Golfer: The calculations for this award will be determined by the Handicap Committee. To be eligible for the Most Improved Golfer Award, you must have a handicap established at Tara and Monticello prior to the start of the formal season. Changing of tee box for this established handicap after the start of the season automatically disqualifies the golfer from contention for this award. **To be in contention for the State award, a player must play at least 20 times during the formal season (March through November). To win the WGA "Most Improved Golfer Award", a player must also play at least 5 times in WGA events*.** If a player has previously won this award, she cannot win again until her handicap is lower than it was when she won initially. Therefore, a higher handicap nullifies her winning the award.

C. Watch for conditions on the course that is not fair to players and request relief through the assistance of the Golf Professional and the Course Superintendent.

D. Present or provide for an annual indoctrination of basic rules of golf, conduct, and etiquette.

Section 3. Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee shall consist of three members appointed by the President in September to select a slate of officers for the coming year. This Committee shall consist of one (1) member of the Board of Directors and two (2) non-Board members. The slate as proposed by the Nominating Committee shall be posted at least ten (10) days prior to the November meeting. Nominations from the floor shall also be in order.

Section 4. Telephone Committee: This Committee shall consist of three or more members who, at the direction of the President, will call members to notify them of any special meetings, activities, cancellations, or other business of the Association.

Section 5. Publicity Committee: This Committee shall, after coordination with the President, prepare articles/newsworthy items of the Association for publication in local newspapers. They shall perform such other duties as requested by the President.

Section 6. Historian: The Historian shall keep a scrapbook of all published information, including any published photos that depict the activities of the Association, its members, and its guests.

Section 7. Social Committee: This Committee shall be responsible for, and in direct charge of, all social activities of the WGA. They shall perform such other duties as requested by the President.

Section 8. The 18-Hole and 9-Hole Ringer, Birdie and Par Chairpersons shall prepare Ringer cards for those members choosing to participate, have cards available on play days for members to record their lowest scores, and keep a record of all birdies (18- and 9-Hole groups) and pars (9-Hole group). At the monthly luncheon they will distribute birdie and par pins for the previous month. At the end of the season they will calculate the Ringer winners for their respective groups and distribute prizes at the closing luncheon. Ringers, birdies and pars will only be recorded on play days when an individual plays her own ball throughout the round.

ARTICLE II - REPRESENTATIVES

Section 1. The SLV/WGA is a member of several area and state golfing associations. These include, but are not limited to, the CSRA Women's Golf Association, CSRA Team Play, the Women's South Carolina Golf Association (WSCGA), and the Interclub Challenge.

Section 2. Annually, members participating in these associations select an individual to serve as their representative/liaison. The names are then submitted to the President for approval.

ARTICLE III - OBLIGATION OF MEMBERS

It is the responsibility of every member to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the WGA, maintain a course handicap card, pay annual dues, and play by the rules of the USGA and local rules.

ARTICLE IV - ORDER OF BUSINESS

All meetings shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order. The order of business shall be as follows:

1. Call to order by President.
2. Roll call of Officers.
3. Reading of minutes of previous meeting.
4. Report of the Treasurer.
5. Report of Committee Chairpersons.
6. Old business.
7. New business.
8. Adjournment.

ARTICLE V - FINANCES

Section 1. Annual dues for the Women's South Carolina Golf Association and CSRA Team Play shall be paid for from WGA treasury funds.

Section 2. An Audit Committee of at least three members shall be appointed by the President to audit the treasurer's books before the last business meeting of the year.

**WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION
LEAGUE RULES**

ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I - STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Ladies Play Day: Ladies Play Day is Thursday from January through December. Informal play will be November, December, January, and February. Start times will be published in the annual play day schedule. Times may vary seasonally and are subject to course availability as determined by the Course Superintendent. Please be at the Pro Shop and ready to play at least 30 minutes prior to tee time. Note: Guests with valid USGA handicaps may participate but cannot win a prize.

By registering to play, members and guests accept responsibility for their actions. Members and guests are expected to comply with the stated rules and regulations governing play and course property. Failure to comply with the stated rules and regulations may result in disciplinary action, including, but not limited to, suspension of playing privileges for a specific period of time

2. Lift, clean, and place: This rule is used throughout the year. A ball in your own fairway may be lifted, cleaned, and placed no more than six inches from its previous location, no closer to the hole.

3. Local Rock Rule: In areas with numerous rocks, a player may clean an area, within one club grip length, and place her ball within the area, no closer to the hole, without penalty. This rule may be invoked only when an opponent or fellow competitor agrees that a rock problem exists.

4. Lost Ball/Out of Bounds: If you hit your ball into the woods and there is any question that it may not be found or that the ball is out of bounds, hit a provisional ball. If after 5 minutes of searching you do not find the original ball, or your ball is, in fact, out of bounds, play your provisional ball. If your ball is lost, and you have not played a provisional ball, you must return to the point where you hit the ball that went into the woods and hit another ball.
Hitting a provisional ball saves time.

5. Wrong Ball. If a player hits a wrong ball (except from a hazard), she shall add a two-stroke penalty, return to and hit the correct ball.

6. Casual Water: If a ball lies in or touches casual water, or if your stance is in casual water, the ball may be dropped within one club length of the nearest point of relief, no closer to the hole. No penalty.

7. Ground Under Repair: Ground Under Repair (GUR) is generally marked by a white line. You may play your ball from GUR but if you decide to drop out of GUR, follow guidelines for Casual Water in #6 above.

8. Sand Traps: A player may not ground her club, move her ball, or remove anything natural from a sand trap. Penalty for infraction: one stroke.

The President/Officers may appoint members for the following Standing Committees:

Section 1. Handicap Committee: The Handicap Committee shall understand, monitor, and enforce the USGA Handicap System and be the communications link between the members of the WGA and GOLFNET (in-house computer system operated by Sumner, Inc. and the SLV Pro Shop). In addition, this Committee shall be responsible for the following:

A. Become familiar with the *United States Golf Association Handicap System Manual* for a complete guide for proper handicap procedures.

B. Become familiar with the GOLFNET booklet that is a guide to the services provided by the GOLFNET Handicap System with instructions for its proper use.

C. Educate all members on scoring, score posting procedures, and the Equitable Stroke Control System.

D. Ensure all members of the WGA have a valid handicap. A new member must submit her attested handicap from her former club to be used as a temporary handicap until she establishes sufficient scores at Tara and Monticello.

E. Monitor the handicaps and scores of members to determine the Most Improved Golfer for the year.

F. Advise members that score cards are to be turned in to the Pro Shop following each completed round of golf, including play on any course, for computation of accurate handicaps.

G. Keep the membership informed of any changes in the method of handicapping and post changes on the bulletin board.

Section 2. Rules Committee:

A. Make a careful and thorough study of *USGA Rules of Golf* as well as the local course rules.

B. Encourage members to learn the Rules of Golf and insist upon their observance. When it is necessary to clarify a rule, settle a dispute and/or make decisions in accordance with USGA and local rules of golf, the Club Golf Professional will give the final ruling for clarification of the problem.